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(*b*) whether the Government have passed any Government Order to the above effect and if so, whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(*c*) whether the Government would be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing for each year from 1930—

(i) the number of injections given,

(ii) the number of patients to whom injections were given,

(iii) the number cured completely and discharged and the dates of such discharges;

(*d*) whether the Government are contemplating to abandon the present injections and to investigate for a better one to replace the same;

(*e*) whether any amount has been sanctioned to enable research work to be carried on in this direction; and

(*f*) whether the Government have ever consulted the heads of Unani section and deputed a competent man to make researches?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A few trained compounders called inoculators are giving injections under the direct supervision of medical officers in some local fund hospitals and dispensaries in the Salem district. This is done in a few leprosy clinics having a large attendance of cases of leprosy with a view to giving assistance to the medical officers who will otherwise be overworked.

No orders have been issued prohibiting L.I.Ms. from giving injections for leprosy.

(*c*) (i) & (ii) A statement [a] is appended giving the information required.

(iii) The treatment provided aims at arresting the progress of the disease, preventing mutilations and deformities, removing infectiousness and checking the spread of the disease. Many patients persevere in the treatment till these objects are achieved. The majority of cases however do not attend the out-patient leprosy clinics for a sufficiently long period to permit of a complete cure being possible although they show considerable improvement by the treatment. Information regarding the dates of discharge of cases of leprosy after a complete cure is not available since the majority of patients discontinue the treatment before a cure is possible.

(*d*) Researches are being conducted and the best methods are adopted from time to time.

(*e*) & (*f*) No.

Leprosy clinics in South Arcot and Salem.

*785 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many leper clinics have been established in the district of South Arcot and how many more are proposed to be started;

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(b) what the places are where these leper clinics are located and to be located;

(c) what the qualifications are of the doctors in charge of these clinics and what the remuneration that is paid to each one of them is;

(d) what the number is of patients that attended each one of these clinics during the period they have been in existence;

(e) what the nature is of the treatment that is given to the patients and what the period for which the patients are treated;

(f) whether any report has been called for or will be called for as to the progress made and the number of patients cured in the various centres; and

(g) what the total expenditure is that has been incurred by the Government for leper relief in South Arcot and Salem?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*g*) A statement[a] showing the information is laid on the table.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Relief to the destitute poor.

* 786 *Q.*—Mr. K. Kesavaramamurti Nayudu: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government with regard to the resolution moved by the Maharaja of Pithapuram and passed in the Council in 1930 for affording relief to the destitute poor?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 4122, L. & M., dated 3rd November 1931, which was placed on the table of the House at its meeting held on the 26th January 1932.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934–35.

DEMAND VIII—HEADS OF PROVINCES AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS—RESERVED.

* The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move—

'*that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 3,72,900 under Demand VIII. Heads of Provinces and Executive Councils—Reserved.*' "

* Dr. P. Subbarayan:—" Sir, I move that we now take up for consideration first, cut motion No. 364 given notice of by the Kumararaja of Venkatagiri, Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam and the Raja of Mirzapuram so that there

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 295 infra.